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Team Canada captain Christine Sinclair, third from left, warms up with teammates at UBC's Wolfson West Field on Thursday afternoon. Canada takes on Switzerland during the FIFA Women's World Cup round of 16 at BC Place on Sunday. Preview, metroSPORTS. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

Environment minister puts Jumbo on ice

DEVELOPMENT

Ski resort's environmental certificate is now expired

Developers of a controversial billion-dollar ski resort that has been decades in the making will have "to start from scratch," said British Columbia's environment minister.

The provincial government announced Thursday that the environmental assessment certificate for Jumbo Glacier Resort had expired.

The resort, which has been repeatedly challenged in court by First Nations and environmental groups, received its first environmental certificate in 2004.

The certificate was extended in 2009, with an expiry date of Oct. 12, 2014, but the extension document stated all approved projects must be "substantially started" under provincial law within the time limit set out, something that Environment Minister Mary Polak said just hasn't happened.

"In making my decision, I had focused on the physical activities that had taken place at the project site," said Polak. "While it is clear that some construction has started, I was not convinced that the physical activity undertaken as of Oct. 12, 2014, meets the threshold of a substantially started project."

Resort spokesman Tommaso Oberti, vice-president of the Pheidias Group, said in an emailed statement that directors are reviewing the minister's decision and can take a number of courses of action.

"Jumbo Glacier Resort would be the premier ski destination on the continent, and the recent poor winter showed us why, in the age of global warming, new ski resorts should be built at appropriate elevations and in the right climate zones," Oberti said.

A document listing Polak's reasons stated the developers had undertaken nine projects on the site as of Oct. 12, 2014.

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WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN

When built, the resort's base would have been 104 hectares in size, boasting a hotel with 6,250 "bed units," as well as condominiums and related amenities, according to a document.

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The truth is in North Vancouver

THE X-FILES

B.C. forest appeared nearly as much as the Smoking Man

Liam Britten
Metro | Vancouver

Why did the Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve become a favourite location for the X-Files in the early '90s?

The truth is out there.

Whenever the groundbreaking series needed a forest scene during its first five years, more often than not, the crew went to the Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve (LSCR) at the foot of Mount Seymour in the District of North Vancouver.

The forest stood in for forests all over the world — from Oregon to Tennessee, Yukon to Ecuador, Siberia to Costa Rica.

And with the X-Files reboot currently in production here in British Columbia, we at Metro wanted to know more about this unique forest.

The Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve on the North Shore appeared in 23 episodes of the X-Files. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

Incredible diversity

You might ask yourself: How did this 5,668-hectare forest wind up landing the role of a lifetime?

Like any great actor, it has range.

"It's a big valley, there's lots of diverse spots in there," said Mike Mayers.

Mayers is superintendent of environmental management of the LSCR with Metro Vancouver, which runs the forest. He's worked there since 1989, and knows it like the back of his hand.

He worked with The X-Files when it was filming in Vancouver, and as a fan of the show, he would look for the forest in every new episode that he watched.

"I think they did a really good job of disguising it or using the same location. It was pretty hard to tell," he said.

Mayers said he never considered the LSCR as a creepy place at all until The X-Files started filming there.

"There's one location … film people will call and ask, 'Can we see the spooky forest?' X-Files was there pretty often," he said. "It's got a lot of moss, a fair number of the trees are dead.

"That location, it's got that spooky look to it."

"Loss and seclusion"

That "spooky look" is what series creator Chris Carter was going for when he produced The X-Files. And to get that feeling in Vancouver, he turned to location manager Louisa Gradnitzer.

She, like just about every location manager in the city, knew about the forest and what a great location it was.

"Chris Carter loved the forest. And because of the diversity, there was always something new there," Gradnitzer said. "In the spring you got these really nice green buds, so that could emulate tropical locations, and in the winter it was a little bit dire with the thick growth, so it was always a dramatic backdrop."

She said that between the dead trees, the moss hanging everywhere and Vancouver's perpetually grey skies, the forest had a certain "it" factor.

"The whole concept of the show, it was a little bit edgy. So a lot of it was night shooting. Anything eerie … (the forest) had a sense of loss and seclusion," she said.

Will there be a sequel?

In all, the LSCR appeared in 23 episodes during The X-Files' first five seasons. For a little context, William B. Davis's Smoking Man barely beat it with 27.

Metro was not able to find out if that location will be used again in the X-Files reboot.

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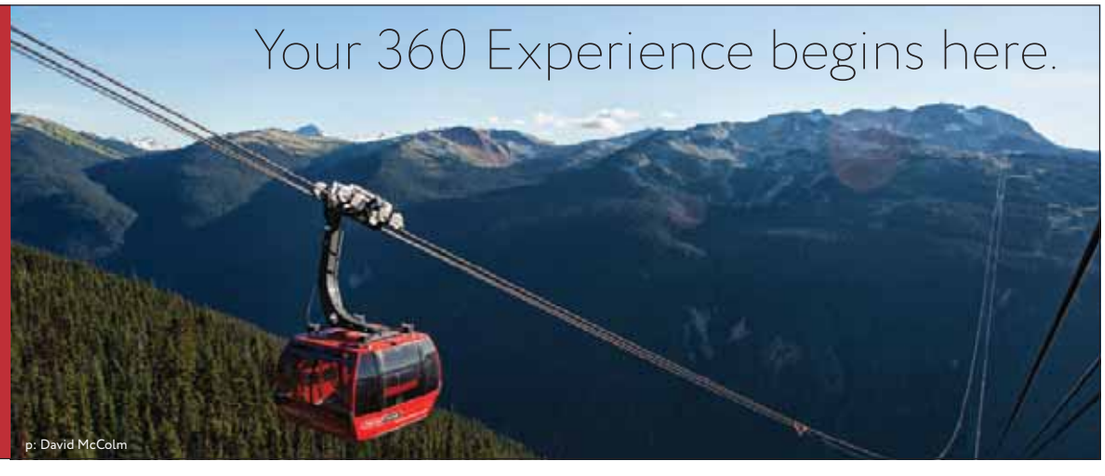

IN BRIEF

Kids in care can't catch up: Children's representative

A report from B.C.'s children's representative and the provincial health officer says vulnerable children in the province start life behind their peers and stay behind.

The Growing Up in B.C. report by Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond and Dr. Perry Kendall says life for vulnerable children, including those in government care and aboriginal children and youth, remains challenging.

Turpel-Lafond says serious gaps in children's well-being remain, including that almost 60 per cent of youth in care don't graduate from high school.

But she also says the report identifies some positive trends, such as declines in teen pregnancy rates and more aboriginal children graduating from high school.

More than 200 youth from across B.C. were consulted for the report. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Body found in Whistler

Homicide police are investigating after a decomposing body was found near an industrial complex in Whistler.

Police received a call shortly after 6 p.m. on Wednesday from a local resident who had found what appeared to be human remains.

Due to the state of decomposition, details such as identity, sex and the cause of death are unknown, police said.

It's unknown if foul play was a factor in the death, police said.

"Our priority at this stage is to identify the individual and notify family members," said Sgt. Stephanie Ashton of the B.C. RCMP's Integrated Homicide Investigation Team. THANDI FLETCHER/METRO

After a two-year consultation process, a neighbourhood group has recommended building 12-storey towers near the Commercial-Broadway SkyTrain station. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO FILE

Group compromises with city on tall condos

EAST VAN

Original plans for 36-storey towers alarmed community

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

An East Vancouver community that spiralled into an uproar over city plans to allow 36-storey towers near the Commercial-Broadway SkyTrain station has proposed a compromise after an unprecedented two-year community planning process.

The Grandview-Woodland Citizens' Assembly, a 48-member group that was created after the city surprised residents by slipping tall towers into the community plan in 2013, concluded the neighbourhood could handle 12-storey towers near the transit hub, according to its final report released in June.

The final report suggests the moderate height with exceptions for up to 18 storeys if developers contribute cash for co-operative and rental housing in the neighbourhood.

"(Residents) particularly don't want tall condominium towers that aren't part of the community fabric. New development should still feel like East Van," the report states.

The report recognizes that Commercial-Broadway, the city's busiest transit hub with two SkyTrain lines and the 99 B-Line, is exactly the type of area where people could live without cars and just use transit — a key city priority.

The assembly also calls for gentler forms of density along arterials including Hastings and Nanaimo in recognition that people are moving to the neighbourhood.

City council will accept the report next week. Staff will review the suggestions this summer, create a draft plan this winter and present a revised plan to council in spring 2016.

Council is not required to listen to the assembly, which also recommended building a separated bike lane on Commercial Drive between East 14 Avenue and Graveley Street.

GRAFFITI

Vancouver street artist to host first solo exhibit

A local street artist whose graffiti mural "Nobody Likes Me" captured global attention last year is hosting their first solo exhibition in Vancouver this weekend.

iHeart, whose graffiti near Second Beach in Stanley Park was ranked the second-best street art of 2014 and even got a shout-out from the infamous Banksy, will showcase their work at a gallery starting Friday.

Called #asignofthetimes, the show will feature artwork in iHeart's style that calls attention to the digital world, where everyone is engrossed with their smartphones and obsessively posts snippets of their lives on social media.

"'Nobody Likes Me' was just poking fun at how obsessive and ridiculous the social-media era can be. But it's entered this spectrum of hyper-irony with it being re-posted over and over with comments like, 'This generation is so sad.' The original meaning has been skewed a tad," iHeart told Metro in an email interview in January.

In true graffiti form, the show's location will not be revealed until the day of, so stay tuned to metronews.ca for an update. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

"Nobody Likes Me" by street artist iHeart. FACEBOOK

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Vancouver's Pride Society says there's still a need to be "loud and proud." JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO FILE

Business stands by 'Christian' views

LGBTQ

Gay activists decry 'really dangerous' comments

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

A Vancouver business has come under fire from LGBTQ groups and individuals for posting anti-gay comments online.

GeoPond EcoGarden Artisan, which advertises itself as Vancouver's "home of hand crafted, one of a kind water features, ponds and concrete gardens," is facing scrutiny for posting a slew of homophobic comments on the company's Facebook page.

Some read: "Marriage is between man and wife. Adam and Eve not Adam and Steve" and "Pedophiles r (sic) mentally ill b/c (sic) they prefer sex with children right? LGBT cultists r in the same boat."

Contacted by Metro on Thursday, a woman who described herself as the owner of the business confirmed she had posted the comments. The woman, who identified herself as Geena Gill but who appears to also go by the name Gea Ambrosia online, defended her comments and denied being homophobic.

"I'm far from homophobic," she told Metro. "What I am is a Bible-believing Christian. Just because social norms say that it's OK to be gay doesn't mean that I have to conform to social norms."

While the comments are shocking, Dara Parker, executive director of queer resource centre Qmunity, said she wasn't surprised to read them.

Although great strides have been made toward expanding LGBTQ equality, Parker said the comments reveal that homophobia and transphobia are still "alive and well."

"I think in urban progressive Vancouver, folks sometimes think that all of the work has been done," she said. "But every day, Canadian families are still struggling to understand and accept these communities. These are views that people are still willing to put their names to and to stake a business on."

Parker said the comments highlight a continuing need for LGBTQ community centres like Qmunity to exist and to "challenge these really, really dangerous views."

"For me it's just a representation of exactly why that teenager in Maple Ridge or South Vancouver or Dawson Creek is terrified to come out of the closet, because attitudes like this still exist," Parker said.

Vancouver Pride Society communications co-ordinator Cynthia Williams said the comments show a need for LGBTQ advocacy groups to continue educating the public and "being loud and proud." Williams said she believes the public will "hold this business accountable."

"There's many voices out there who are supportive of the LGBTQ community and our allies," she said. "I'd rather give a platform to those voices and hear what they have to say than listen to any discriminatory comments."

COURT

Journalist on attack: Lawyer

A freelance journalist's attacks on John Furlong were "sustained, continuing and unrelenting," even after she published an article alleging he abused First Nations students, his lawyer has argued.

Laura Robinson is suing the former Vancouver Olympics boss for public comments he made after her article was published in 2012 alleging he beat and taunted children at a Roman Catholic school in northern British Columbia some 45 years ago. Defence lawyer John Hunter accused Robinson of continuing to assail Furlong throughout 2012 and 2013 by writing an academic paper that contained unproven sex abuse claims and pressuring corporations to cut ties with Furlong.

Robinson testified Thursday that she presented a paper at a 2013 sports conference in Denmark that included statements that a man and two women had filed lawsuits accusing Furlong of sexual abuse at Immaculata School in Burns Lake, B.C.

During tense cross-examination, Robinson said she knew the man had filed for government compensation for abuse at a separate school in 1969 and 1970, the same years he claimed he was taught by Furlong. His suit was dismissed earlier this year after he failed to show up in court.

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Competitors race during the Rio Tinto Alcan Dragon Boat Festival on False Creek in Vancouver in June 2014.
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First-time dragon boaters ready to race

FESTIVAL

More than 200 teams will compete in the weekend event

Liam Britten
Metro | Vancouver

More than 100,000 people will take in the spectacle of North America's biggest dragon boat festival when the Rio Tinto Dragon Boat Festival kicks off Friday at False Creek.

The event will feature over 200 teams rowing their way to dragon boat glory, including many first-timers.

One such team hails from Native Education College, a non-profit post-secondary school in Vancouver focused on Aboriginal studies.

Team organizer Claire Askew wanted to form a team after the success of a school-wide canoe trip the year before.

"A lot of the participants hadn't been on the water before, so it's been really cool to see," Askew said. "Although it's not a First Nations tradition, it does incorporate aspects of the culture, especially for coastal nations."

Askew said the NEC team almost didn't happen. The school has a shoestring budget, and when a grant fell through, the team had to begin a furious fundraising effort.

> **You learn how to work with a team and build on patience.**
> Claire Askew

Thanks to those efforts and some generous contributions from the community, the first-time paddlers are good to go.

One student who is dragon boating for the first time is 26-year-old Kent Anderson. He is a member of the Heiltsuk Nation on the Central Coast.

Growing up, canoe trips from Port Alberni to Bella Bella were a major community event, and dragon boating evokes some of the qualities from those days.

"It was kind of different getting everyone together because we're different ages, different groups, different backgrounds," he said of the NEC dragon boat team.

"You learn how to work with a team and build on patience. Everyone's at their own different strength levels, so we need to be on point with each stroke, each pull."

The Rio Tinto Dragon Boat Festival begins today and ends June 21. For more information visit dragonboatbc.ca.

WEATHER

Pop-up fireworks displays cancelled

Plans to bring pop-up fireworks displays to municipalities across Metro Vancouver to mark the Celebration of Light's 25th anniversary have gone up in smoke.

Citing concerns over dry summer conditions and fire restrictions, festival organizers said Thursday they will instead be bringing scavenger ticket hunts to local municipalities in celebration of the milestone anniversary.

"Thank you to everyone that voiced their excitement and support of our fireworks countdown program," organizers said in a news release. "Concerns over our dry summer and fire restrictions has led to this change in direction for the festival's 25-day countdown."

On each of the 25 days leading up to the festival, the Honda Celebration of Light will hide a "backstage pass" in a neighbouring municipality.

Those who find the backstage passes will receive two tickets to the YVR Observation Deck for Team Canada's fireworks display on Aug. 1, as well as fireworks swag bags and two spots to a behind-the-scenes barge tour on July 24, July 28 or July 31.

The Celebration of Light takes place July 25, July 29 and Aug. 1, with displays by China, Brazil and Canada.

THANDI FLETCHER/METRO

Fireworks light up the skies over English Bay at the 2014 Celebration of Light.
JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

SUMMER SOLSTICE

Gear up for a car-free weekend

Leave your car at home and bring your sunscreen for the numerous festivities to kick off the summer in Vancouver this weekend.

Car Free Day will take over Denman Street in the West End on Saturday and Commercial and Main on Sunday, with block parties happening in Kitsilano throughout the weekend.

Thousands are expected to flock to these community events that focus on active transportation and are a boon for local business. Streets will be closed from noon until 7 p.m., so plan transportation according.

The Jazz Festival and the Dragon Boat Festival will also attract crowds to the city centre on both Saturday and Sunday, the longest day of the year.

While the premier cancelled her massive yoga event on the Burrard Bridge, there's still free yoga at the Plaza of Nations to celebrate the International Day of Yoga on Sunday at 10 a.m.

There's also a free, all-day celebration in honour of National Aboriginal Day at Trout Lake on Sunday. Another group is hosting a yoga class and a solidarity sit-in by the totem poles beside the Stanley Park seawall on Sunday in honour of the yoga and Aboriginal days, a global meditation day, and a campaign against Enbridge.

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CRIME

Man, 31, found not guilty in death of toddler in his care

A 31-year-old Victoria man has been found not guilty of second-degree murder in the April 2008 death of a toddler in his care.

B.C. Supreme Court Justice Jennifer Power found Bradley Streiling was reliable in his testimony that the nearly two-year-old boy suffered a fatal injury after falling from the edge of a bathtub.

Power said Crown lawyers did not prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Streiling slammed Noah Cownden's head on the floor in a moment of anger.

Streiling was living with Noah's mother, Meadow Dykes, and caring for the boy when he died.

The death was first considered an accident, but Streiling was arrested almost five years later after a so-called Mr. Big operation elicited a confession.

Power found that Streiling's confession to an undercover officer was "too unreliable to accept as a true admission of guilt."

Streiling told a police officer who he thought was a crime boss that he banged Noah's head on the floor before the boy died.

But the judge ruled the confession was "vague and lacking in detail" and came only when Streiling was worried he was going to be kicked out of the fictional organized crime operation.

Streiling had previously told another undercover officer that Noah's death was accidental and that he would never hurt a woman or child.

Medical experts who testified for the Crown said it was unlikely that Noah's injuries were caused by a short fall, and more likely caused by repeated blows to the head.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

60% of renters may flee the city

HOUSING

Survey finds many unhappy with high cost

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

If misery loves company, there's apparently plenty to go around in Vancouver – well, at least until all the renters flee the city.

Nearly 60 per cent of renters and 43 per cent of Metro Vancouverites are seriously thinking of leaving the region because of the astronomical cost of home ownership, according to an Angus Reid survey released Thursday.

The survey on housing woes in the region split residents into four categories based on their living and transit experiences – miserable (18 per cent), uncomfortable (27 per cent), comfortable (34 per cent) and happy (21 per cent).

The miserable are predominantly renters with kids who commute, as opposed to the happy, owners who bought long ago, have already paid off their mortgages and don't commute.

While the miserable are obviously more inclined to leave, the vast majority of the 821 survey respondents believe high housing costs are hurting the region. Even with an absence of data, two thirds believe foreign ownership is contributing to high housing costs.

Eighty-seven per cent are worried the next generation won't be able to afford a home in the region and 70 per cent believe the government needs to do something about the hot housing market.

A vacancy tax on empty, investor-owned properties was the most popular intervention with 82 per cent support, followed by 79 per cent support for collecting data on property buyers and imposing an extra property transfer tax on foreign buyers.

The speculation tax pitched by Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson (and subsequently rejected by Premier Christy Clark) received 69 per cent support.

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Drivers ruled employees

UBER

California decision may open door to regulation

A ruling from a California labour board that Uber drivers are employees of the company, not self-employed contractors, sets a precedent that could spell trouble for the ride-sharing service's Canadian operations.

The California Labor Commission said Wednesday in a non-binding decision that San Francisco-based Uber Technologies Inc. is involved in "every aspect of the operation" of its ride-hailing service, opening the door for the company to eventually begin paying its drivers employee benefits such as vacation pay.

Harry Ghadban, a national representative for Unifor and a former taxi driver, says the California decision, though it carries no weight in Canada, shows a major flaw in Uber's business model.

Uber has vociferously argued that it merely acts as a facilitator for its drivers, who pick up fares through the company's smartphone app and work on their own schedule. On its website, the company flatly declares that it is not a transportation provider.

Ghadban argues that Uber is simply a taxi company with more sophisticated software, and the decision means it should obey the same rules as cab companies.

The company's insistence that its drivers are independent contractors is a ploy to avoid having to pay the costs associated with running a taxi service, including the extended insurance required by most jurisdictions and other employment benefits, he said.

A ruling Wednesday by the California Labor Commission could change Uber's business model. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

In a statement, Uber downplayed the impact of the ruling, pointing out that it is non-binding and applies only to a single driver.

"Indeed, it is contrary to a previous ruling by the same commission, which concluded in 2012 that the driver 'performed services as an independent contractor, and not as a bona fide employee,'" the company said on its website. Five other states have come to a similar conclusion as the 2012 ruling, Uber added.

> **The decision says they're a transportation company and therefore should be abiding by the rules and regulations set out for the taxi industry.**
> Unifor rep Harry Ghadban

In Canada, Uber has courted controversy by skirting the regulations on taxi services, claiming it has less responsibility for insurance and benefits than a traditional employer.

The company's service has divided opinion around the world. Uber operates in 57 countries and has faced protests, lawsuits, and hostile lawmakers in many of them including India, China and the United Kingdom. Germany, France and Spain have banned the company outright.

Toronto Mayor John Tory has said municipalities and cab companies should work with the company, and some taxi services have released their own apps that mimic Uber's GPS-enabled maps and credit-card payment system.

Despite Tory's comments and the company's recent application for a taxi brokerage licence, lawyers from the City of Toronto are still pursuing an injunction to shut down Uber's services.

While the company has a presence in Edmonton, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec City and Halifax, it was forced to shut down after brief experiments in Vancouver and Calgary.

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HELLS ANGELS

Bikers busted in Greece

Police have arrested three Hells Angels members from Alberta following a vicious assault on the Greek island of Corfu.

A news release from Greek police says the Canadians are suspected of beating a 41-year-old Greek man on June 7.

It says the man suffered a grievous head injury and was taken to a hospital in Athens.

Michael Tucker with the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Team described the attack as "near-fatal."

He says the men — who are 29, 34 and 35 — were in Greece at an international convention for the outlaw biker gang.

The agency is helping foreign investigators by providing them with information about the suspects.

Two of the accused are members of the club's Westridge chapter in Edmonton, and the other is with the Nomads in Red Deer, Tucker said Thursday.

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A Vancouver company has won an $11-million contract from the Canadian Space Agency to design replacement cameras for the International Space Station.

MacDonald, Dettwiler and Associates designed the space station's robotic maintenance system.

The firm says the new cameras will provide better illumination for viewing critical operations such as docking. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Teen found guilty of murdering officer

The mother of the accused lost control Thursday night in a Newmarket, Ont., court as the jury found a young man — only 15 when Const. Garrett Styles died — guilty of first-degree murder.

Screaming "No!" at the top of her lungs, the distraught woman was led from the courtroom as the family of Styles hugged and sobbed. The mother continued to repeat: "It's not enough there's one life gone. They want to take two lives."

The 19-year-old accused, whose name is under a publication ban owing to his age at the time of Styles' death in 2011, sat motionless as the verdict was read out in court. His teenage sister later hugged him from behind. He could face a life sentence if the Crown seeks one.

> **It's not enough there's one life gone. They want to take two lives.**
> Mother of convicted youth

The boy was stopped by the York Regional Police constable for speeding in East Gwillimbury, Ont., on June 28, 2011. After the stop, the car began moving and eventually flipped, landing on Styles and crushing him. The accused was left a paraplegic.

His defence team argued it was Styles lunging into the van to unbuckle the driver's seatbelt that caused the accused to panic and press the gas pedal. However, the Crown insisted the accused knew what he was doing when he drove away from the traffic stop — which is enough to result in a first-degree murder verdict when a police officer is involved.

In this case, the jury had to decide whether the accused knew driving away was likely to cause Styles' death. They could have either acquitted the accused, found him guilty of manslaughter or first-degree murder.

The emotional trial heard that Styles, 32, had pulled over the Dodge Caravan and decided to impound the car. The Crown said the teen driver, afraid of his parents finding out what he'd done, tried to flee. He deliberately drove 300 metres with Styles hanging out of the van and eventually crashed, with Styles pinned under the vehicle, the Crown argued.

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CLIMATE CHANGE

U.S. Republicans unmoved by papal plea

Pope Francis' call for dramatic action on climate change drew a round of shrugs from U.S. congressional Republicans on Thursday, while many of the party's presidential candidates ignored it entirely.

"I don't want to be disrespectful, but I don't consider him an expert on environmental issues,'' said Texas Rep. Joe Barton, a senior Republican on the Energy and Commerce Committee, in a comment echoed by a number of other Republicans.

Even Capitol Hill's many Catholics seemed unmoved by his urgent plea to save the planet.

Republican House Speaker John Boehner, a Catholic who invited the pontiff to address Congress later this year, said the Pope is not afraid to challenge thinking on various issues.

"I respect his right to speak out on these important issues,'' Boehner said, but he demurred when asked whether Francis' views, made public in an encyclical released Thursday, might spur legislative action by the Republicans who run Congress.

"There's a lot of bills out there. I'm not sure where in the process these bills may be,'' Boehner said.

Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush questioned the Pope's foray into climate science when discussing the issue Wednesday ahead of the encyclical's release.

"I don't think we should politicize our faith," he said.

A statement from a spokesman for former Texas Gov. Rick Perry did not directly mention Francis but said, "Gov. Perry believes the climate is always changing, but it's not clear what role humans have in it."

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Environmental activists in Manila, Philippines carry a banner of thanks for Pope Francis' encyclical on climate change Thursday. BULLIT MARQEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Pope issues 'clarion call'

ENCYCLICAL

Francis says the rich are making Earth a 'pile of filth'

In a sweeping environmental manifesto aimed at spurring action, Pope Francis called Thursday for a bold cultural revolution to correct what he said was a "structurally perverse" economic system in which the rich exploited the poor, turning Earth into an "immense pile of filth."

Francis framed climate change as an urgent moral crisis to address in his eagerly anticipated encyclical, blaming global warming on an unfair, fossil fuel-based industrial model that harms the poor the most.

The document released Thursday was a stinging indictment of big business and climate doubters.

The Pope urged people of every faith and even no faith to undergo an awakening to save God's creation.

"It is not enough to balance, in the medium term, the protection of nature with financial gain, or the preservation of the environment with progress," he wrote.

"Halfway measures simply delay the inevitable disaster. Put simply, it is a matter of redefining our notion of progress."

"This clarion call should guide the world toward a strong and durable universal climate agreement in Paris at the end of this year," said Christiana Figueres, the UN's top climate official.

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Air show yields no Bombardier sales

PARIS

Company touts new CSeries planes despite no new orders

Bombardier came away empty-handed from the Paris Air Show in terms of new orders for its CSeries aircraft, as rivals Boeing and Airbus racked up more than $100 billion US in new contracts.

Embraer and ATR, which compete with Bombardier in the regional jet and turboprop market, also landed some good deals.

But Montreal-based Bombardier is downplaying the results, insisting the Paris show was a major success, as two of its CSeries test planes — in the 100- to 160-seat market — were on display at the industry's biggest event.

"The goal of this air show for Bombardier was to showcase its two brand-new CSeries aircraft, the first time an all-new, single-aisle plane has been seen in close to 30 years," said spokeswoman Marianella de la Barrera in an email from Zurich, where the CS100 stopped to visit employees of launch carrier Swiss, a division of Lufthansa.

"We advanced on a number of fronts, and the management team views our showing in Paris as a major success," she said.

"We came into this from the beginning focused on the strong marketing that was needed and not so much on squeezing announcements in for the sake of announcing."

Bombardier has been struggling to win orders for the CSeries, which is now two years behind schedule and $2 billion US over budget.

The smaller CS100 plane is expected to win certification later this year.

Bombardier has orders and commitments for 603 CSeries aircraft, of which only 243 are firm orders. It has reaffirmed its goal of getting 300 firm orders by entry into service of the first CSeries jet. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

CURRENCY

Remade $10 U.S. bill to feature a woman

Alexander Hamilton, who has been featured on the United States' $10 bill since 1929, is making way for a woman.

Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew will announce Thursday that a redesign of the $10 bill will feature the first woman on the nation's paper money in more than a century. The plan is to decide which woman sometime this summer.

The bill will have new security features to make it harder to counterfeit and will be unveiled in 2020, the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote.

Lew is asking the public for suggestions on who should be chosen for the bill, as well as what symbols of democracy it should feature.

Various groups have been campaigning to get a woman honoured on the nation's paper currency, which has been an all-male domain for more than a century.

The last woman featured on U.S. paper money was Martha Washington, who was on a dollar silver certificate from 1891 to 1896. The only other woman featured on U.S. paper money was Pocahontas, from 1865 to 1869.

Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, D-New Hampshire, who is sponsoring legislation to put a woman on the $20 bill, praised Lew for moving forward with a decision to use the $10 bill.

"While it may not be the $20 bill, make no mistake, this is a historic announcement," Shaheen said in a statement.

"Young girls across this country will soon be able to see an inspiring woman on the $10 bill." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Fitbit shares up 50 per cent

Fitbit's stock rose almost 50 per cent higher in the first day of trading for the fitness tracking gear maker. Fitbit's initial public offering was priced at $20 per share, making more than $730 million and valuing Fitbit at about $4.1 billion in total. Fitbit sold a total of 22.4 million shares.

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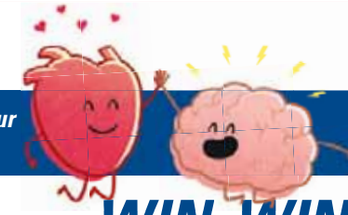

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THE KOHLER REPORT: ON RACHEL DOLEZAL

Seriously, the news was dominated this week by an extremely dedicated poser.

My mother is Australian. Though I have never lived in Australia, throughout my life, my mom has exposed me to several parts of Australian culture, like a dessert called Pavlova, the TV show Kath & Kim and, unfortunately, Vegemite.

When I meet Australians, I always try to get in with them: "What's with those dingoes always trying to eat our babies, am I right?" It never goes well and I always feel a bit pathetic afterwards. But it's a weird space to live in: I'm more Australian than most Canadians, and the part of me that is Australian means a lot to me. But no matter how many fun facts I know about wombats (their poo is square!), I will never be a full Aussie.

All this to say, there's a piece of me that identifies with Rachel Dolezal, the Caucasian woman who was outed last week for pretending to be black. For the record, I acknowledge that "Australian" and "black" are two different things, though someone might want to tell Iggy Azalea.

So I had this mild Australian influence at home. Dolezal would have had a similar experience when, during her teens, her parents adopted four black children. Dolezal was closer to the experiences of black people than most white people ever get. I could see how she felt blacker than most white people, but not actually black at all. Talk about a grey area.

Somewhere along the way, Dolezal started posing as a black woman. Seriously, the news was basically dominated this week by an extremely dedicated poser. And anyone who's ever gone to high school knows what it is like when a poser is called out.

During an interview on MSNBC, Dolezal couldn't answer simple questions. When asked about her hair (which, based on photos, has clearly been styled to look like "black" hair), Dolezal responded by talking about her adopted sister's hair. Watching her squirm at each inquiry was like watching her get publicly wedgied. I wanted to yell at the TV: Just admit it! You're not black! You were just lonely and starved for love and you found it in that hairstyle!

I get why a lot of people are angry — what Dolezal did doesn't feel right at all — but is anger the right emotion? There's something sad here, because I don't know if Dolezal is playing with a full deck. And if she is, she's playing a card game no one else has ever heard of. "Let's play Too Much Bronzer! I'll deal!"

I'm not black, so I really don't know what it would be like to be black and then to find out someone, like the president of an NAACP chapter, has been pretending to be black. I can only imagine I wouldn't feel positive.

With that in mind, and as someone who can very slightly identify with Dolezal, I'll do the prudent thing and halt publication on my autobiography: My Life As a Marsupial.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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On some days, the only person I want to talk to is my dad

Too-short, tapered purple sweatpants.

That is not the look you hope your dad rocks when he comes to your junior high school.

Even if he's there to bring the homework you left behind (he's retired, so he's got time for these things), you want to hide from him.

But if you're embarrassed, it's only because you don't get it, or don't get him. Yet.

Dad's just not fussed with looking cool at 9 a.m. on a Tuesday. He's pretty slick in a collar-less button-up shirt for Sunday dinner, but when he's trimming the hedges in the backyard, say, the sweats will do. That morning, you probably interrupted his bacon and eggs.

Dad's got his priorities straight. He's not expecting you to judge him for his purple pants, nor is he going to judge you for much of anything.

He proves that in many ways over the years. He doesn't stop you from leaving the house in platform heels and stretchy black pants in Grade 8. He doesn't say a negative word — that you can recall — about your decision to study creative writing, of all things, in university. And when he celebrates your triumphs, such as they are, you sense it's not because of what you did but because you are happy.

He treats everyone this way, apt to take a person for who they are, love their oddities and quirks and care little for their money or job title.

Because of all this, there have been days when the only person you want to talk to is Dad. Especially in the midst of a troubled relationship, when you love someone but it isn't working out.

Dad is wise about these things. He has been divorced and he's seen family and friends slide in and out of love (plus, he's getting a little old). When you tell him how things feel wrong, how you're not sure who to blame or what to do, he takes it all in and rocks in the rocking chair and nods his head.

"It's hard," he might say. He's not in your relationship, he'll note, and somehow that proves he understands the complexity. "You can only do your best," he'll say, and you sense he thinks that's also true for the person you love.

Dad's not going to judge him, either.

What Dad wants is for you to be happy, but he won't presume he has the answers as to how. He'll ask you to ask yourself that question, as his own mother asked him: what makes you happy?

In that way, he'll help you find the answer.

Happy face/Sad face

From **ancient trails** to **spelling fails**, Metro weighs in on the news making headlines this week

W_LL YOU M_RRY M__?

British lawyer Matthew Dick was willing to work very hard for love. He hid a marriage proposal in The Times newspaper's Wednesday crossword puzzle for his word-nerd girlfriend Delyth Hughes to find. When Hughes saw clues for her own name and "will you marry me," in her morning crossword, she looked up, stunned, only to see Dick down on one knee. She accepted, but called him a "sm_rt_rse" to local media. METRO

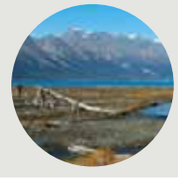
Polar bears' cool solution for leftovers

It's not only humans who use technology to keep food fresh. Polar bears, research shows, use natural "freezers." Norwegian Polar Institute scientists found five bears in Svalbard, Norway, feeding on some highly unusual prey: dolphins. Unable to finish such a large meal in one go, they thriftily froze the rest by stowing it under the snow for later.

SOURCE: NEW SCIENTIST

Finding a new way to a fly-in First Nation

Aboriginal elders and youth are teaming up to find new paths to Old Crow, Yukon. Many of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation's ancient hunting and trapping routes are still in use. The memories of elders, who know the paths best, are being taken as a starting point for a heritage project that will map them using GPS and GIS — with an eye to eventually improving access. SOURCE: CBC



Official lunch of the picture province

What do you get when you layer Quebec on one side and Nova Scotia on the other? The Canada Games Council has an answer. The organization made an Olympic-calibre error in its engraving on the Centennial Cup, which was awarded to "New Brunswich." Never intending to invent a new sandwich — or a new province — the council says it will rectify the error as soon as possible. SOURCE: CBC

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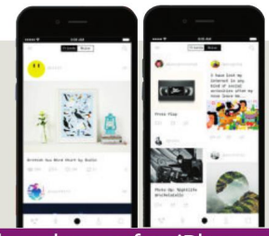

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Playing with emotions

REVIEW

Phyllis Smith brings Sadness to the silver screen in Inside Out

IN FOCUS

Richard Crouse

Phyllis Smith voices Sadness, pictured right, in Pixar's latest animated feature, Inside Out. CONTRIBUTED

Actress Phyllis Smith has had many jobs in and out of show business.

She was working as a casting associate when director Ken Kwapis fell in love with the way she read opposite the auditioning actors and cast her as Dunder Mifflin saleswoman Phyllis on The Office. She appeared on the hit show for nine years and just as that series wound down she got a call from Pixar.

Inside Out producer Jonas Rivera was flicking around the stations one night when he settled on Bad Teacher, a 2011 comedy co-starring Smith and Cameron Diaz. The raunchy film couldn't be further afield of Pixar's family friendly movies, but Rivera liked the sound of Smith's voice. He knew she was the actor to play one of Inside Out's main roles, the living embodiment of an emotion in an eleven-year-old girl's head.

"He picked up the phone and called [director] Pete Docter and said, 'I think I've found our Sadness,'" recalls Smith. "I guess it was the timidity in that scene and the timbre of my voice. That's the nice thing about working for Pixar, when you get that call they pretty much already know what they want."

Smith joins an all-star cast — Bill Hader, Lewis Black, Mindy Kaling and Amy Poehler as Fear, Anger, Disgust and Joy respectively — in a film that Variety called, "the greatest idea the toon studio [Pixar] has ever had."

"Long after we're gone people will still be watching," Smith says. "Sort of like the Wizard of Oz."

Smith, who is much more gregarious in person than her onscreen persona would suggest, is riding high today but it was a long circuitous route to television and film success.

"I started out as a professional dancer," she says. "A show dancer. No stripping, but there were plumes, feathers, g-strings and all that. I was also in two ballet companies, a jazz company. That was my passion but I had an injury and knew logically it was time for me to make a switch in my career. I was getting older. So I just did what I had to do to pay my bills."

She worked as a receptionist, an NFL cheerleader and manned the box office at a Los Angeles movie theatre. She dressed as Marilyn Monroe and played Steve Carell's mother in a deleted scene from The 40-Year Old Virgin, but one job stands out for her.

"I worked for JC Penny in the warehouse tagging the merchandise," she remembers. "I used to stand there and tag thousands of fishing lures or bowling balls or roller shades, which were heavy as heck to lift around. The people were great to work with but the merchandise was a little challenging.

"I used to stand there, thinking about life, wondering what it is we all have in common because we're not all given the same opportunity. Some people's health is impaired when they're born while others are charmed with intelligence or looks. I thought, 'There has to be something that we all have. A commonality.' I figured out that it's the ability to love. We all, in some form or another, want to love and be loved. That was my big revelation. My lightbulb moment. Also, if you're standing on a concrete floor, make sure you're wearing comfortable shoes or you'll pay for it later."

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

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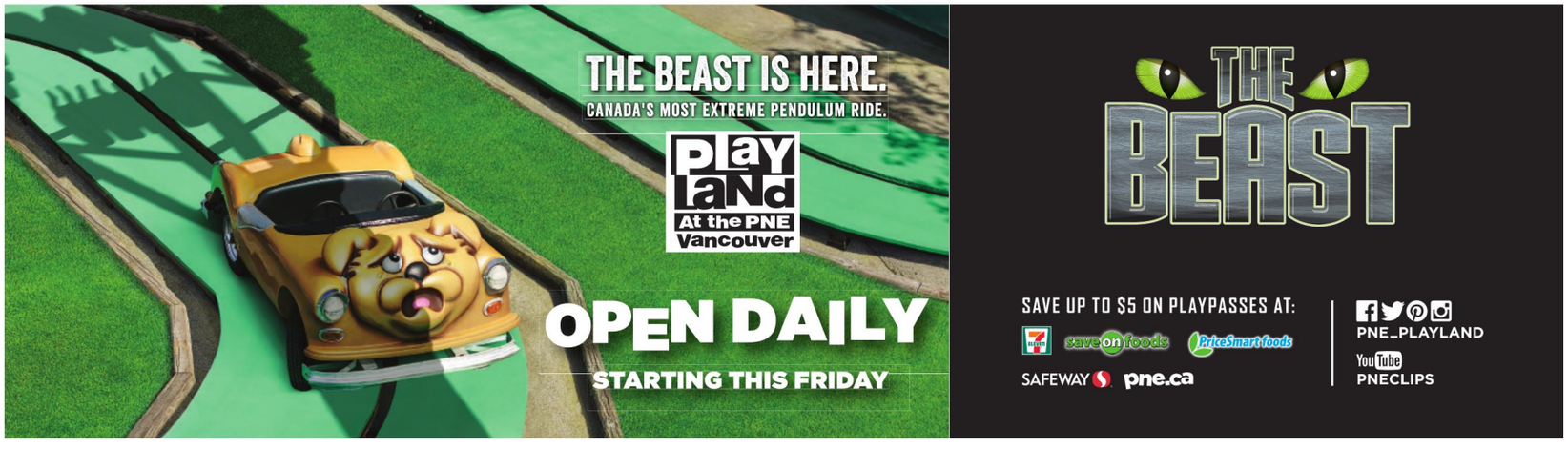

An inside look at growing pains

INTERVIEW

'Neverland spirit' inspired makers of new Pixar film

Melita Kuburas
Metro | Life

Inside Out follows 11-year-old Riley and the chaos inside her brain after her family moves to a new city. CONTRIBUTED

In our everyday lives, we're constantly forced to navigate situations that are either serious or super silly. As we get older, there's less time and opportunity for goofing around — and it's this loss of naiveté that Pixar's Inside Out explores.

Following Riley, an increasingly mopey 11-year-old who is frustrated with her parents for moving to a new city, the film jumps between different styles of animation to portray her, and that of the chaos inside her brain.

"The pacing and the cadence of the film is something I'm really proud of it because I feel, as I watch it, that it has these builds and then exhales out to the real world," says producer Jonas Rivera, who reunites with director Pete Docter after working together on the Oscar-winning Up.

"We see what Riley's doing — outside she's playing hockey and having a good practice, and inside it's disaster; things are falling, and it's horrifying."

We literally see, in the bright, fantastical world of Riley's mind, some of her core characteristics — or islands — shattering as the frustrations of the real world get to her.

> **"If anything we've had to simplify (the film) for the adults and executives.**
> Director Pete Docter, on why the brainy Inside Out will not be too complex for kids

"We sort of share this Peter Pan/Neverland spirit of never wanting to grow up — that's what Pixar kind of is," says Docter.

"To me the islands were beautiful.... When you see something crumble that somebody loves, that's heartbreaking. I was thinking of a scene in the movie Breaking Away, when he tears the posters down. Everyone knows that scene; it's so heartbreaking because you know he loves that. That's not him! And we wanted that little bit of the island, when you see hockey island go down.... It was a way of showing the tragedy of this kid changing."

One of those is "goofball island" — the part of the brain that would make Riley slide down a staircase railing rather than take the steps like a bore.

Near the beginning of the film we also fear, as adults, the future doesn't bode well for Riley's imaginary friend Bing Bong — a pink creature that's a cross between an elephant and a cat, partly made of cotton candy, and sometimes makes dolphin noises.

Examining the loss of childhood is a theme both Docter and Rivera were interested in because they watch their own kids growing up — despite their best efforts to keep them young.

"As parents, the harder you try (to keep your kids happy) the worse you are at it. And by proxy, you are really trying to do something absolutely impossible, which is to keep them young. As a parent, I've said, 'I love my girls so much. If I could I'd freeze time....' And that's clearly a horrible thing to do. That's not what I mean, but what you mean is this time is cherished, this is great."

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ANIMATED CHARACTER

Entertainer Mindy Kaling talks Pixar, personality, and The Mindy Project's move to Hulu

Mindy Kaling agreed to voice a character in Pixar's latest film based on nothing more than an illustration. But she didn't even need that.

"They literally could have shown me nothing," said Kaling, who plays a green, fluttery-lashed girl named Disgust in the new film Inside Out. She heard the word "Pixar," and she was in.

The much-anticipated film explores the action inside 11-year-old Riley's head, where Kaling's character and other emotions control operations. Joy generally reigns, keeping Riley happy, but things go amiss when her family moves from Minnesota to San Francisco. Riley's team of emotions are thrown out of balance, and they have to work together to set things right.

Riley's personality is represented by "islands" comprising the things most important to her, such as family, friendship and sports. Kaling said the film inspired her to reflect on her childhood experiences and consider what might be included among her own Islands of Personality.

"I was thinking role model island, you know, what I want to project as a role model," the 35-year-old entertainer said.

"Definitely fashion island. Friendship island, of course, because I'm very interested in my female friends; 4 p.m. snack island; mid-30s panic island. So I have a lot of islands. Some of them are helpful, some of them are not."

> **Our show was pretty damn risque when we were on broadcast TV**
>
> Mindy Kaling says of The Mindy Project going online

Mindy Kaling is the voice of Disgust, second from left, in Inside Out, in theatres on June 19. DISNEY-PIXAR VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Kaling has also been thinking about the sitcom she created and stars in, The Mindy Project, which was dropped by Fox last month and quickly picked up by Hulu.

With twice the episodes of a typical network season, Kaling said her team plans to experiment with "new, creative storytelling techniques."

"It gives you a little more room," she said, especially since the episodes will be released weekly, rather than all at once as some streaming services do.

When it comes to content, though, Kaling is keeping her audience in mind: The Mindy Project won't be racier just because it's moving online.

"Our show was pretty damn risque when we were on broadcast TV," she said. "If anything, it's like I know that 14-year-old girls are watching the show, and I don't want to show them anything that they're not ready to sort of see."

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Five clues about True Detective

HBO

A lot has changed as we head into the second season

Lisa Weidenfeld
For Metro

While there have been plenty of feverishly anticipated TV shows returning this year, the second season of True Detective might have the heaviest expectations of all.

The first season, which benefitted from what we've all come to know as the McConaissance of Matthew McConaughey's delivery of a series of indelible performances, was an intense, philosophical take on the buddy cop formula. The new season, with an entirely new cast, new location and new crime, has some big shoes to fill. Say goodbye to the flashback structure, and say hello to an obsession with the ways people have sex, think about sex and plan to have sex. Here's what else you can expect.

1 The show heads west
Instead of the first season's Bayou locale, the show is set in sunny, dissipated Vinci, California. It's a city of few residents, toxic pollution and a whole lot of corruption. The ostensible crime that occurs (the murder of a city manager) is only a tiny pawn in the battle between the various individuals and groups trying to get a piece of the pie and the potentially cleaner government officials striving to investigate them.

2 Things get a bit dry
Sure, the first season had an incredibly ornate serial killer murder scene to start things off, but what about a complicated land deal gone awry? There's a new rail line going in and plenty of corrupt government employees and local gangsters are lining up to benefit, including Vince Vaughn, who's really trying to go straight. Unfortunately, the murder victim had almost all of his money and seems to have failed to actually invest it. There are shades of the Justin Theroux character from Mulholland Drive in Vaughn's desperate efforts to figure out what happened.

Vince Vaughn isn't the comic relief in True Detective. CONTRIBUTED

3 Remember the '70s?
The show certainly does. From the old beat up cars to Colin Farrell's serious 'stache, the whole thing has the feel of a hardboiled 1970s detective novel. The sun seemingly shines through an Instagram filter and the moments when those old cars rejoin normal traffic serve as a jarring reminder that this takes place in the modern era. The characters may carry cell phones, but that's about the only indication that this show takes place in 2015.

Colin Farrell's mustache stars in the new season of True Detective, premiering June 21. CONTRIBUTED

4 A dark, wicked sense of humour
There are jokes here, though don't expect many from Vince Vaughn, the comedian of the bunch. He's stuck with some of the more philosophical lines in the new season, but struggles with them a bit more than McConaughey did.

There are plenty of throw-away lines here that have the cadence and appearance of jokes, despite the fact that no one seems willing to crack a smile. Instead, they're more often greeted by a sardonic look from one of the four leads (Farrell, Rachel McAdams and Taylor Kitsch are the trio of cops set at cross purposes to investigate the murder and each other).

5 There are women now
Creator Nic Pizzolatto seems to have listened to the criticism about the first season's lack of three dimensional female characters. This time through, McAdams plays as big a role as the men, though it's worth noting that both she and Michelle Monaghan, Season 1's female lead, both make their first appearances onscreen in their underwear. McAdams is the quintessential tough, gritty cop, marooned in a field of men who seem fated to disappoint her and earn a withering side eye.

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TV NOTES

70s porn series may be coming to HBO

David Simon, the creator who mastercrafted HBO's The Wire and Treme, is at work on a series based on the pornographic film industry of the '70s that coloured the cultural ambiance of the decade.

Simon told The Hollywood Reporter (THR) that along with co-chief and frequent collaborator George Pelecanos, the pair were initially hesitant to take on the task of adapting to TV a moment in history that was so seedy.

"George and I looked at each other and said, 'I don't wanna make a porn show. ... I'm married with kids and lawn furniture. I don't want to go there, man. That's dark,'" Simon told THR.

HBO has yet to accept the series — called The Deuce — set around New York's Times Square, which explores the tawdry lifestyle until the mid-80s when HIV and a cocaine epidemic swept in and took center stage.

AFP

THE TV DINNER JESSICA ALLEN

Gumbo has been misunderstood — not unlike the first few episodes of this season's True Detective

It rained so much last week the potted plants on our deck drowned. On the bright side, the weather inspired me to make a pot of bouillabaisse.

I've made the Provençal fish soup only once before, when I mashed together two recipes, from Julia Child and Mark Bittman, I think, into one mediocre and muddled dish.

Learning precisely nothing from that experience, I proceeded to make bouillabaisse on Sunday — without a recipe. I knew there were a couple of key ingredients, like fish, for example. So, to sautéed onion, celery, leeks and carrots I added a diced red pepper and several little new potatoes. I also added a teaspoon each of dried fennel seeds and chilli flakes. And a pinch of saffron, obviously. A splash of white vermouth and a couple cans of plum tomatoes served as my broth.

I let it thicken until it became almost jammy. Five minutes before dinner, I added a big handful of chopped herbs — parsley, dill, thyme and basil — and some halibut and shrimp.

It was one of the best meals I've ever made. But it bore only a passing resemblance to proper bouillabaisse.

The second season of HBO's True Detective, which starts on Sunday, June 21, bares little in common with Season 1, which I loved — although I'll never look at

THE SHOW: True Detective, Season 2

THE MEAL: Bouillabaisse

twigs quite the same way. For starters, the cast, which includes Rachel McAdams, Colin Firth and Vince Vaughn, is new. So too is the location: California replaces Louisiana.

Guess what Louisiana's official state dish is. It's gumbo. I know what you're thinking: gumbo is pretty similar to bouillabaisse.

Stop. Right. There. "Yes, bouillabaisse is French, and a lot of French people migrated to Louisiana, where they ended up eating gumbo," Serious Eat's southern food correspondent Robert Moss wrote last year. "But the two dishes are made in wholly different ways."

He convincingly argues that people have long been trying to "whitewash" gumbo, which has far more in common with West Africa than Europe.

In short, gumbo has been misunderstood — perhaps not unlike the first few episodes of the second season of True Detective, which many critics have had sneak peaks at. And many, who can not — and maybe should not — help comparing it to the first season, aren't impressed.

But "it's too early to sum up whatever this thing is," a critic from New York magazine recently said, "and critics with common sense should know better than to try."

You know what I left out of the bouillabaisse? Orange zest. Forgive me. Then again, as Romanian philosopher E.M. Cioran, whose devastatingly beautiful aphorisms (True Detective's creator Nic Pizzolatto is a big admirer) were best personified in the first season via Matthew McConaughey brooding on existence, said, "It is because we are all impostors that we endure each other."

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Kit Harington can be romantic

TESTAMENT OF YOUTH

After GofT, actor emerges as silver screen love interest

Kit Harington is ready for something different.

And the Game of Thrones star says that's what he found in his upcoming romantic drama, Testament of Youth.

Reached by phone weeks before Sunday's finale revealed a massive plot turn, the British actor avoided questions about the HBO series but hinted at what lay ahead for his own career.

For those who haven't seen or heard about the episode, beware of spoilers ahead.

Harington's long-locked hero Jon Snow was snuffed out in a sudden slaying, leaving legions of forlorn fans debating the possibility his character could return to the fantasy-laden series. That seems unlikely, given more recent reports in which the series' showrunner and Harington himself insist that Jon is, indeed, dead.

Harington's future, however, continues on the big screen with a First World War drama hitting select Canadian cities Friday.

Alicia Vikander as Vera Brittain and Kit Harington as Roland Leighton in Testament of Youth.
LAURIE SPARHAM/SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

"I thought it was just a great opportunity to do something different," Harington said from New York, speaking just after his TV character survived a massive battle with a supernatural army.

Although it is set during the First World War, Testament of Youth has no such spectacular fight scenes or eye-popping visual effects. In fact, there is very little violence on screen, noted Harington, who describes this period in history as one "that I actually genuinely love."

"That was something quite interesting to explore for me — in going off to war and not seeing the actual fighting itself but seeing the consequence of what happens to (my character) and seeing him emotionally destroyed when he comes back," said Harington, who appears short-haired and clean-shaven for this role as a young soldier.

> **"I thought it was just a great opportunity to do something different**
> Kit Harington

"It's a war told from a woman's perspective on the home front whereas we often see it from a man's perspective on the war front. That felt very new and fresh to me."

The film is based on Vera Brittain's powerful First World War memoir of the same name.

Alicia Vikander stars as Vera, a young Englishwoman determined to attend Oxford and become a writer, despite the wishes of her conservative parents to find a husband and marry.

Vera finds support from her brother Edward, played by Taron Egerton, and his prep-school friends. They include a budding poet named Roland Leighton, played by Harington.

Of course, Vera and Roland quickly fall in love, but they are separated when war is declared and the young men enlist.

Harington, who studied the book in school, said his challenge was in conveying the whirlwind romance through just a few key scenes. "She knew Roland for about 17 days in total, that was how quick their love blossomed," he noted.

"So I had to get across quite a lot in a short space of time. But it's not hard with an actress like Alicia who's sort of fearsome and very, very one-minded about what she wants."

The big-screen role is one of several to signal Harington's post-Games potential.

Harington displayed a willingness to poke fun at himself in a dinner party skit for Late Night with Seth Meyers in which he mocked his dour Jon Snow character.

Harington dives deeper still into comedy next month with the tennis mockumentary 7 Days in Hell, co-starring with Andy Samberg as Wimbledon rivals. It airs on HBO Canada on July 11.

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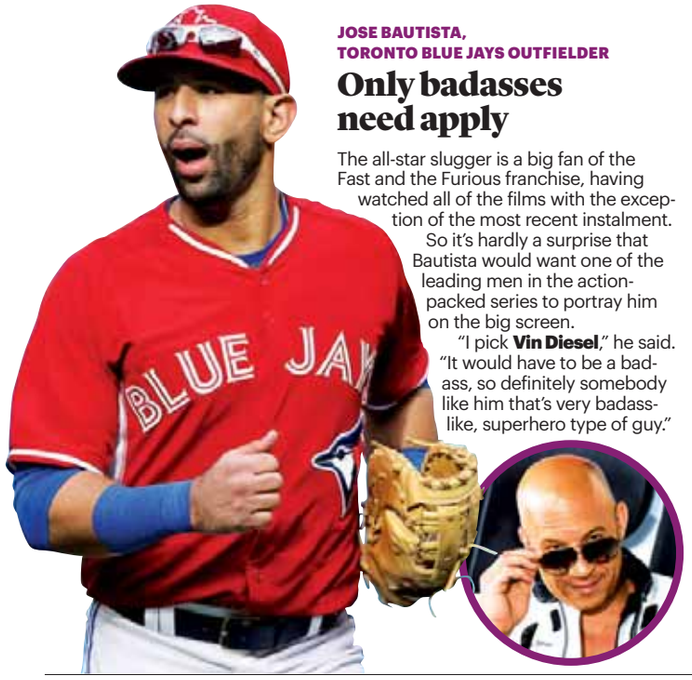

JOSE BAUTISTA, TORONTO BLUE JAYS OUTFIELDER

Only badasses need apply

The all-star slugger is a big fan of the Fast and the Furious franchise, having watched all of the films with the exception of the most recent instalment.

So it's hardly a surprise that Bautista would want one of the leading men in the action-packed series to portray him on the big screen.

"I pick **Vin Diesel**," he said. "It would have to be a bad-ass, so definitely somebody like him that's very badass-like, superhero type of guy."

IAN MCKELLEN, OSCAR-NOMINATED STAR OF THE LORD OF THE RINGS SERIES

Younger doppelganger

An acting veteran of 50-plus years, McKellen's vote of confidence would surely mean a lot for a young actor — though the one he chose doesn't hurt for acclaim.

"Probably **Benedict Cumberbatch**, because I looked rather like him when I was his age," McKellen, 76, said from London. "But I would hope that the latter years of my life I could play myself, perhaps."

JOANNIE ROCHETTE, OLYMPIC BRONZE MEDAL-WINNING FIGURE SKATER

'Something different about her'

The decorated athlete chose an Oscar nominee known for tough and mysterious characters.

"I think I'd love **Uma Thurman** to play me because I think she's so interesting. She's strong," said Rochette, 29, the six-time Canadian champion who won her bronze at the 2010 Vancouver Games. "There's something different about her.... I loved her in Kill Bill, but also in Gattaca."

BARENAKED LADIES, EIGHT-TIME JUNO WINNERS

From John to Jared

"I've always wanted **John Cusack** to play me," singer Ed Robertson (front) said. "He's a great character actor."

"How about Paul Giamatti to play me?" drummer Tyler Stewart questioned. "Or Danny DeVito?"

For bassist Jim Creeggan, they picked Ron Howard. And multi-instrumentalist Kevin Hearn was assigned Jared Leto.

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Canadian producer Deadmau5 has settled his dispute with the Toronto Fringe Festival. GETTY IMAGES

Deadmau5 takes it back

MUSICAL

Producer retracts legal dispute against Toronto play

Canadian dance producer Deadmau5 says he's resolved his conflict with Toronto play Deadmouse: The Musical after he issued a cease-and-desist notice.

The production was set to run from July 1-12 during the Toronto Fringe Festival, until Deadmau5 issued a notice alleging intellectual property violations.

The six-time Grammy nominee, whose real name is Joel Zimmerman, posted the notice on Twitter, then over the ensuing hours argued with fans sympathetic to the light-hearted production.

Finally, he posted that the situation was resolved because the musical had added a disclaimer noting that it was a parody.

The website for Deadmouse: The Musical also now includes a note stating that it was neither written nor endorsed by Deadmau5, but instead made "out of love of house music culture."

According to the website, the musical is Ratatouille meets Book of Mormon and follows the story of a mouse who "wants to be a house DJ but is discriminated against for being a mouse."

The Niagara Falls, Ont., native tweeted that the "musical debacle" was settled and he was "moving along."

Not long before that, he quipped: "Where do I send this bill for all this ... promo?"

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AMY SCHUMER GETS THE CALL

Amy Schumer to open for Queen of Pop's World Tour

It's no joke. Madonna has decided to forgo a support band for her upcoming New York concerts in favour of a stand-up comic. However, the stand-up in question, Amy Schumer, is one of the hottest comedy talents of the moment.

The 10-year veteran of the comedy circuit is set to open for Madonna at Madison Square Garden Sept. 16 and 17 and at the Barclays Center, Brooklyn on Sept. 19. Schumer is also about to hit the big screen in Trainwreck — her first leading role.

STORY AND PHOTO COURTESY AFP

SECOND CHANCE

Brian Williams takes on new role at NBC

NBC News said Thursday that Brian Williams will not return to his job as Nightly News anchor following his suspension for misrepresenting himself, but will be given a second chance as a breaking news anchor at the cable network MSNBC.

Lester Holt, who has been subbing for Williams since his suspension in February, will take over the job full-time, the network said.

Williams was suspended in February for falsely claiming he had been in a helicopter hit by enemy fire during the Iraq War. NBC launched an internal investigation that found Williams "made a number of inaccurate statements about his own role and experiences covering events in the field."

"Brian now has the chance to earn back everyone's trust," said Andrew Lack, chairman of NBC News and MSNBC. "His excellent work over 22 years at NBC News has earned him that opportunity."

In a statement, Williams said: "I'm sorry. I said things that weren't true. I let down my NBC colleagues and our viewers, and I'm determined to earn back their trust."

Williams has filmed an interview with his NBC News colleague, Matt Lauer, that will be aired Friday on the Today show and on Nightly News.

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Sometimes a great speed

DOCUMENTARY

Paul Newman used racing as a release from a life in the limelight

Richard Crouse
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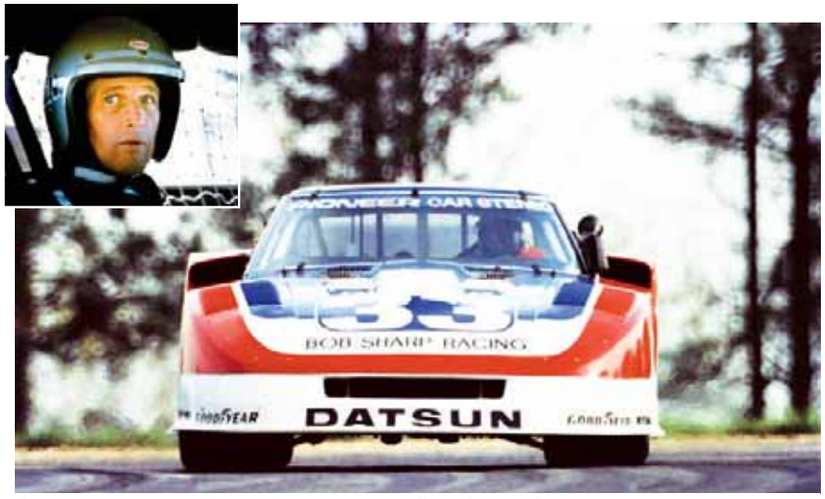

A new documentary offers a glimpse into actor Paul Newman's personal pursuit. CONTRIBUTED

Adam Corolla holds the Guinness Book of Records title for "most downloaded podcast," is the author of two books and a filmmaker whose most recent movie is a documentary called Winning: The Racing Life of Paul Newman.

Just don't call it a documentary.

"I wanted to make this documentary feel like a movie and not a documentary," he says. "Sometimes documentaries feel like homework. I think if you strike the balance correctly you can entertain and learn."

Most of Newman's fans found out about him through iconic movies like Cool Hand Luke, The Sting or Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. Not Corolla. He discovered Newman by buying and restoring the actor's race cars.

"I always respected and appreciated him but I was never a big Paul Newman fan," he says. "I knew his movies were some of the best movies but [I didn't like him] any more than any other celebrity whose movies I've enjoyed.

> **I don't think he had a half-assed way of doing anything.**
> Writer and Director Adam Corolla, on Paul Newman

"Tom Hanks didn't race cars and I race cars but I don't have six of Tom Hanks's race cars so I figured I'd keep it to something I know. I have Paul's cars which is what propelled me towards Paul Newman."

The film paints a picture of a deeply private man who loved pranks, cars and cherished the outlet that racing gave him as a pressure valve release from the day-to-day of being one of the most famous men on the planet. It focuses on his passion for racing but this isn't a film for gearheads only. Racing is treated as a portal into the actor's personality, an entrance into what really made him tick. By zeroing in on one of his passions Winning gives us a broader look at what made the man tick.

"I don't think he had a half-assed way of doing anything," says Corolla. "There's a part in the Newman movie where he says, 'I guess if I don't want to do it anymore, all I have to do is stop.' I always think about those words.

"All Paul Newman had to do was stop at any point. He didn't need to do any of it. The salad dressing, the popcorn, the racing. He didn't need the money. When Paul Newman was 65 years old he could have just stopped, and he always knew, 'If I want to stop I could just stop but until then, I'm busy.'"

NEED FOR SPEED

Adrenaline junkies

Paul Newman, Steve McQueen and Gene Hackman all had a need for speed, but they aren't the only race car enthusiasts in Hollywood.

Patrick Dempsey recently placed second at the Le Mans 24 Hours in France. Furious 7 star Paul Walker competed in top-level amateur races. Rowan Atkinson has raced (and crashed) a McLaren F1. Jason Priestley began open wheel driving in 2002 and is co-owner of the FAZZT Race Team.

Less successful than his fellow actors — on the track, anyway — was racing wannabe Tom Cruise. Driving opposite Newman at a Sports Car Club of America competition in the late '80s, Cruise fishtailed twice and spun out on a turn. Another competitor joked, "I drive faster going to work."

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ANIMATION

Inside Out

Directors: Pete Docter, Ronnie del Carmen
Starring: Amy Poehler, Bill Hader

Growing up can be a bumpy road, and it's no exception for Riley, uprooted from her Midwest life when her father starts a new job in San Francisco. The emotions that guide her — Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust and Sadness — conflict on how to navigate the move.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

Critics: 99% Audience: +98%

DRAMA & ROMANCE

Testament of Youth

Director: James Kent
Starring: Alicia Vikander, Kit Harington

Testament of Youth is a powerful story of love, war and remembrance, based on the First World War memoir by Vera Brittain, which has become the classic testimony of that war from a woman's point of view.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

Critics: 81% Audience: +87%

ACTION & ADVENTURE

Jurassic World

Director: Colin Trevorrow
Starring: Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard

Steven Spielberg returns to executive produce the long-awaited next instalment of his groundbreaking Jurassic Park series, Jurassic World. Colin Trevorrow directs the epic action-adventure based on characters created by Michael Crichton.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

Critics: 71% Audience: 85%

COMEDY

Spy

Director: Paul Feig
Starring: Melissa McCarthy, Jason Statham

Susan Cooper is an unassuming, deskbound CIA analyst, and the unsung hero behind the agency's most dangerous missions. When her partner falls off the grid and another top agent is compromised, she goes deep undercover to prevent a global disaster.

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Critics: 95% Audience: 85%

HORROR

Insidious: Chapter 3

Director: Leigh Whannell
Starring: Dermot Mulroney, Stefanie Scott

This chilling prequel reveals how gifted psychic Elise Rainier reluctantly agrees to use her ability to contact the dead in order to help a teenage girl who has been targeted by a dangerous supernatural entity.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

Critics: 58% Audience: 65%

COMEDY

Entourage

Director: Doug Ellin
Starring: Jeremy Piven, Adrian Grenier

Entourage, the big-screen version of the hit HBO series, reunites the show's original cast. Movie star Vincent Chase, together with his boys Eric, Turtle and Johnny are back ... and back in business with super agent-turned-studio head Ari Gold.

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Grand Canyon challenge

Hiking and camping trip will test endurance, yet provide plenty of time to unwind

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WHY DO IT?
The effort is worth the experience — gaze at the red-hued rock formations from the South Kaibab trail, cross the steel bridge over the Colorado River and dip your hat in Bright Angel Creek.
PLAN AHEAD
Even in spring and fall, the Arizona sun can quickly turn dangerous, even deadly. Signs around the park and on corridor trails warn visitors not to hike too far down in a day for a reason.
TRAIN FOR LESS PAIN
Getting a permit and setting dates for the hike also will help you map out a training schedule so you can spend more time enjoying the hike instead of suffering through it.
NOT TO MISS
Don't dismiss the first kilometres of the Bright Angel trail, which is fairly level along the Colorado River. This part has its own rugged beauty but can be overlooked in the zeal to get to the top.
UNWIND, HAVE FUN
Chat with fellow hikers at rest stops, soak your tired feet in the crisp Bright Angel Creek after setting up camp, and unwind at the canteen at Phantom Ranch after dark.
CAMPING OUT
Planning ahead will also allow you to reserve a spot at the Bright Angel Campground or the rustic Phantom Ranch lodge. For the campground, aim to get a backcountry camping permit months ahead.
PACK CAREFULLY
Do pack essentials, like enough food and water, and a wide-brimmed hat, but don't overload your backpack. Aim for about 20 to 30 pounds. Water will likely be the heaviest thing you carry.
REST AND REFUEL
While hiking, take breaks about once an hour, eat salty foods, like nuts and jerky, and drink water and electrolyte drinks. Elevate your feet each time you take a break, too.

Hikers make their way along a ridgeline on the Grand Canyon National Park's South Kaibab trail in Arizona. ANNA JOHNSON VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Skwachàys Lodge is Canada's first aboriginal art hotel

TOURISM

Lodge is just one way to take in aboriginal history, culture

Abby Wiseman
For Metro

Young, old, foreign and local people alike are marvelling at the art gallery that is the lobby at Skwachàys Lodge before being shown to their room.

Each room is like an art exhibit featuring some of Canada's finest aboriginal artists, such as Jerry Whitehead, Clifton Fred, Richard Shorty and Lou-Ann Neel. It's the first aboriginal art hotel in Canada, pioneering a model that general manager Maggie Edwards says she hopes will be replicated.

"Vancouver is often the drop-off area for tourists before they go to Haida Gwaii or Spirit Bear, so they think their aboriginal experience is out there. When they arrive here they realize there's art and culture to be experienced in an urban setting," said Edwards.

A cyclist passes the Britannia Community Carving Pavilion in the Grandview-Woodlands neighbourhood of Vancouver, within the traditional territories of the Squamish, Musqueam, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

Skwachàys Lodge is just a small part of the new aboriginal tourism market that's growing in Vancouver thanks to Aboriginal Tourism BC. Travellers can come and learn about its history from an aboriginal perspective, while taking a guided tour through Stanley Park and enjoying fresh fish at Salmon n' Bannock Bistro.

Aboriginal tourism and the Skwachàys Lodge appeals to the conscious traveller, said Edwards, those who are not only looking for an authentic experience, but also want their money to make a difference.

> **"When they arrive here they realize there's art and culture to be experienced in an urban setting**
> Skwachàys Lodge general manager Maggie Edwards

Skwachàys started out as a healing lodge with several single-room-occupancy units for residents, but when that plan failed the lodge was opened to the public as a hotel, which in turn funds 24 artist-in-residence suites. It's been open for less than a year, but the new model seems to be working, although, Edwards admitted, some people aren't entirely aware of the hotel they've booked into and can be a little hesitant when they realize its location on the Downtown Eastside.

"People are scared of the Downtown Eastside... but there's less petty crime here then in the larger tourist areas," said Edwards, who added that once people see the rooms they forget the neighbourhood.

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Boston's Pablo Sandoval was benched after using Instagram during a loss in Atlanta

IN BRIEF

Stenson, Johnson share early lead at U.S. Open

The first time Henrik Stenson saw Chambers Bay, he walked the course without playing it. The Swede did just fine with clubs in his hand Thursday in a rousing start to the U.S. Open.

Stenson birdied three of his last four holes for a 5-under 65, his lowest score in the U.S. Open, to share the lead with Dustin Johnson after the first round.

Johnson was flawless until a bogey on his final hole, the par-3 ninth, that showed how wild this course can play. He pulled a 6-iron long, and then hit a chip that looked like it was running fast off the green until it made a hard left turn. He missed the 15-foot par putt.

Patrick Reed is one shot back. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cameron re-ups with Sens

Bryan Murray believes his team is ready to win now and believes Dave Cameron is the man to lead the way.

The Ottawa Senators general manager announced that Cameron signed a two-year extension Thursday following the club's dramatic turnaround last season.

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Blackhawks championship parade draws thousands

Tens of thousands of fans turned out Thursday to cheer the Chicago Blackhawks as they celebrated their third Stanley Cup championship in the past six years with a downtown parade and a rally at Soldier Field.

The Blackhawks captured their latest championship with a victory over Tampa Bay in Game 6 of the Stanley Cup Final at the United Center on Monday night. It was the first time Chicago has won the Cup on home ice since 1938 and the Blackhawks haven't stopped celebrating since.

Players, coaches and team executives rode to the rally in double-decker buses, passing screaming fans of all ages decked out in red and black.

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Team Canada trains at Wolfson West Field at UBC on Thursday afternoon ahead of their match against Switzerland on Sunday. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

Herdman likes Canada's chances if they beat Swiss

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

'It's a big match for our country,' says head coach

Cam Tucker
Metro | Vancouver

There are no more second chances. Win and you move on, lose and you're done. It's so simple, except for the Canadian women's soccer team, it really isn't.

Facing Switzerland on Sunday in the Round of 16 at the FIFA Women's World Cup, the Canadian side will play this match on home turf at BC Place Stadium, in front of a crowd that could be well over 50,000 fans.

As per the BC Place Twitter account on Thursday afternoon, less than 3,000 tickets remained for Sunday's match. In John Herdman's tenure as coach of the women's program, this squad has played in big matches, against renowned opponents.

The Swiss may not bring out the same vitriol or disdain as the U.S. do.

But this match will determine which of these nations moves onto the quarter-final, and an exit from the hosts at this stage, in front of that many people and those watching on television, would feel premature, leaving a void for the remainder of the competition.

Herdman is rarely at a loss for words, it seems. That was the case, at least for a few seconds, when he was asked if Sunday's game could be a defining moment for his program.

(Insert long pause here.)

"It's a big match for our country," said Herdman.

"We get on this roll. We take care of what we've got to take care of on Sunday, we've got a chance of going all the way and that's what we've been dreaming of."

Sophie Schmidt of Abbottsford GETTY IMAGES

Should Canada advance, they would meet England or Norway in the quarter-final.

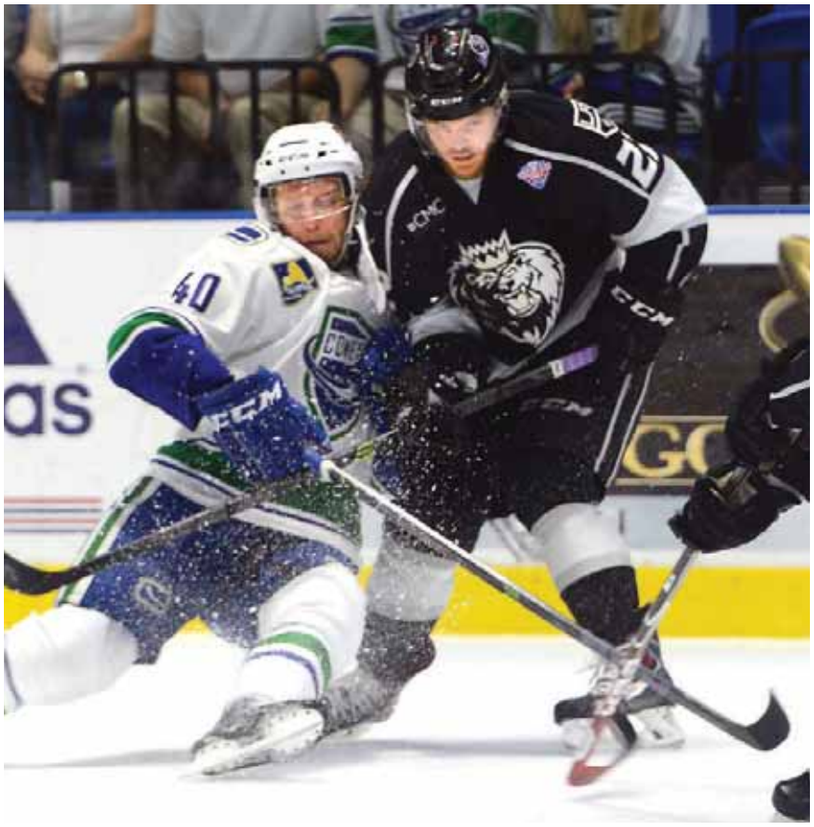
Canadian midfielder Sophie Schmidt, who is from Abbotsford didn't train on Thursday and is day-to-day, said Herdman.

"She's not going to miss this game," he added.

Schmidt, who was hurt after an awkward fall against the Netherlands on Monday, told reporters she's feeling "so much better" and missing training was for precautionary reasons.

"It's going to be huge and exciting ... and a little bit nerve-wracking," said Schmidt of Sunday's impending test.

"This is where we wanted to be, to play in BC Place in front of our home fans and have that 12th man advantage and so it's just something I'm looking forward to and it's another reason why I'm making sure I'm doing everything possible to get out on that field."



From left, Utica Comets' Peter Andersson battles Manchester Monarchs' Brian O'Neill during the Calder Cup AHL series which the Monarchs won MARK DIORIO/OBSERVER-DISPATCH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Great season but it hurts like hell'

AHL

Utica coach's pain as Canucks prospects lost in Calder Cup final

Cam Tucker
Metro | Vancouver

It's been a few days, but the pain of losing the Calder Cup is still fresh for Utica Comets head coach Travis Green.

"There's part of me … it hurts when you lose at the end," said Green on Thursday.

"I don't think that feeling will ever go away. And it makes it hard to look at the positives right now but I think if you sit back, you have to be realistic — there were a lot of positives from the season.

"A great season but it hurts like hell right now and it will hurt like hell later."

The Comets fell short in their championship bid, losing to the Manchester Monarchs. Despite the result, Green still felt a number of prospects took steps forward. Earlier this season, Hunter Shinkaruk was struggling to produce offensively, as he adjusted to the grinding style of the AHL.

At times, the Canucks' 2013 first-round, 24th overall pick was a healthy scratch. As the playoffs wore on, Green said Shinkaruk — on a line with veterans Will Acton and Brendan DeFazio toward the end of the post-season to help give that unit some offence — was given more responsibility, which is something even the coach didn't expect.

"If you would've told me I would be playing Hunter Shinkaruk in the Calder Cup finals against the best line in the league at the beginning of the year, I would've said you're nuts," said Green. "That says a lot about how far his game has come."

Adam Clendening and Frank Corrado are ready for the NHL, according to Canucks GM Jim Benning in his interview with TSN 1040 on Wednesday, and it's an assertion Green agrees with.

Both are right-shooting defenceman that will require waivers next season. Clendening, acquired from Chicago this past season, is billed more as an offensive defenceman. Green noted that Clendening also worked to improve his game in the defensive end.

"That's a part of a game we really tried to push him," said Green. "Again, you try to push a player outside his comfort zone to … in his case, maybe defend a little quicker.

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The Next One's on deck in the minors

BASEBALL

Trevor Gretzky leaning on his father's advice to reach majors

Trevor Gretzky is known more for his iconic last name than his baseball career.

But Trevor isn't looking to escape his famous father's shadow.

He hopes "The Great One" can help him become "The Next One."

The 22-year-old son of retired NHL star Wayne Gretzky toils in relative anonymity as a left-fielder for the Class A Burlington Bees in the Los Angeles Angels farm system.

Beyond those famous seven letters atop the back of his jersey, Gretzky is just another kid hoping to beat the odds and reach the majors.

To do so, Trevor leans heavily on the advice of Wayne, whose passion for baseball has helped fuel his son's career.

"You'd be surprised. He knows a lot about baseball. Pretty much everything I know about the game is because of him," Trevor Gretzky said of his father, whose 894 goals are just one of a slew of NHL records he holds.

That Trevor chose baseball over hockey isn't a shock to the Gretzky family.

In fact, Trevor described his father as a "huge baseball nut" who nudged his son toward his adopted country's national pastime from an early age.

Gretzky was born in Los Angeles just weeks before a season that ended with his father's last trip to the Stanley Cup final with the Kings.

Trevor gave hockey a go in elementary school. But driving back and forth in the early morning for ice time proved tedious, so he followed his friends into football and baseball.

With his father carting him back and forth to the batting cages on a near-daily basis, Trevor blossomed into a star at Oaks Christian in Westlake Village, Calif., and was selected by the Chicago Cubs in the seventh round of the 2011 amateur draft with the 219th pick.

"My dad let me do what I wanted to do. He never forced me to do anything," Gretzky said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

2015 SEASON

Gretzky was batting .269 through 22 games as of Wednesday, despite a recent trip to the disabled list for what the Bees said was a minor knee issue.

Trevor Gretzky plays for the Class-A Burlington Bees in the Los Angeles Angels system. CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

Passwords not source of breach: Astros GM

Houston Astros general manager Jeff Luhnow says the notion that poor password protection is to blame for a computer hack of his team's player database is "absolutely false."

The FBI is investigating whether employees of the St. Louis Cardinals broke into the database. Some material was posted online a year ago, and the Cardinals and Astros have both said they are co-operating with the authorities.

Jeff Luhnow GETTY IMAGES

Luhnow headed the Cardinals' scouting and player development department before he was hired by the Astros in December 2011. Luhnow worked at technology firm Archetype Solutions Inc. before his stint in baseball, and he was asked about the theory that hackers could access Houston's system because he didn't change passwords.

"That's absolutely false," Luhnow told Sports Illustrated. "I absolutely know about password hygiene and best practices. I'm certainly aware of how important passwords are, as well as of the importance of keeping them updated. A lot of my job in baseball, as it was in high tech, is to make sure that intellectual property is protected. I take that seriously and hold myself and those who work for me to a very high standard."

He also denied he used any of the Cardinals' intellectual property or information from the Cardinals' database called Redbird to create Houston's database, which they call Ground Control.

"I'm very aware of intellectual property and the agreements I signed," Luhnow told SI. "I didn't take anything, any proprietary information. Nor have we ever received any inquiries from anybody that even suggested that we had." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB IN BRIEF

Vargas lifts Twins to walk-off win over Cards
Slumping Kennys Vargas hit a solo home run with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning Thursday, lifting the Minnesota Twins to a 2-1 victory and a two-game sweep of the St. Louis Cardinals. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Howard's blast snaps Phillies' nine-game skid
Ryan Howard hit a go-ahead, two-run homer in the sixth inning and the Philadelphia Phillies snapped a nine-game losing streak with a 2-1 victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jays soar above Mets
Chris Colabello homered and Jose Bautista drove in two runs as the Toronto Blue Jays dumped New York 7-1 on Thursday night for their second straight rout of the Mets. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

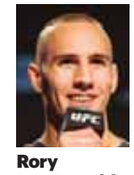
MacDonald mum ahead of UFC 189

Rory MacDonald is happy to fly under the radar leading into his long-awaited UFC title bout.

The welterweight battle between MacDonald (18-2), a Quesnel, B.C., native based out of Montreal, and Robbie Lawlor (25-10) has not drawn nearly the attention of the main event fighters, featherweights Conor McGregor and Jose Aldo, whose pre-fight promotional tour has been high on theatrics.

That leaves the low-key MacDonald free to focus on Lawlor, who beat him in a three-round split decision in November 2013.

"It's just like a regular fight," MacDonald said Wednesday. "It doesn't seem there's been much attention on it, which is pretty cool. It's been quite enjoyable."



Rory MacDonald GETTY IMAGES

Still, it will be a big night for the 25-year-old, even if he considers Las Vegas a city "I don't groove with too well."

His bout will be the co-feature on the 11-bout UFC 189 fight card on July 11 and is a chance to fulfil a long-standing goal.

"Obviously there's more pressure," he said. "It's a five-round fight with one of the best guys in the world.

"I'm just focused on taking on a highly skilled opponent, like any other fight I've had in the last year." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Cook time: 16 minutes

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- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 2 tsp minced garlic
- 2 cups chicken or vegetable stock
- 2 tsp minced jalapeno peppers
- 1 can (15 oz) black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 corn on the cob (kernels removed)
- Salt and pepper

Directions
1. Grill or roast bell peppers at 425 F for about 10 minutes, or just until blistered and tender. Peel off skin.
2. Meanwhile, in a soup pan, heat oil and add onion and garlic. Sauté for five minutes or until tender. Add to a food processor along with roasted bell peppers, stock and jalapenos. Puree until smooth, adding back to soup pan. Add beans, cover and simmer for 10 minutes.
3. Add corn kernels, salt and pepper and heat for one minute.

Nutrition per serving
- Calories 170
- Carbohydrates 28 g
- Fibre 8 g
- Protein 9 g
- Fat 4.5 g
- Saturated fat 1 g
- Cholesterol 5 mg
- Sodium 410 mg

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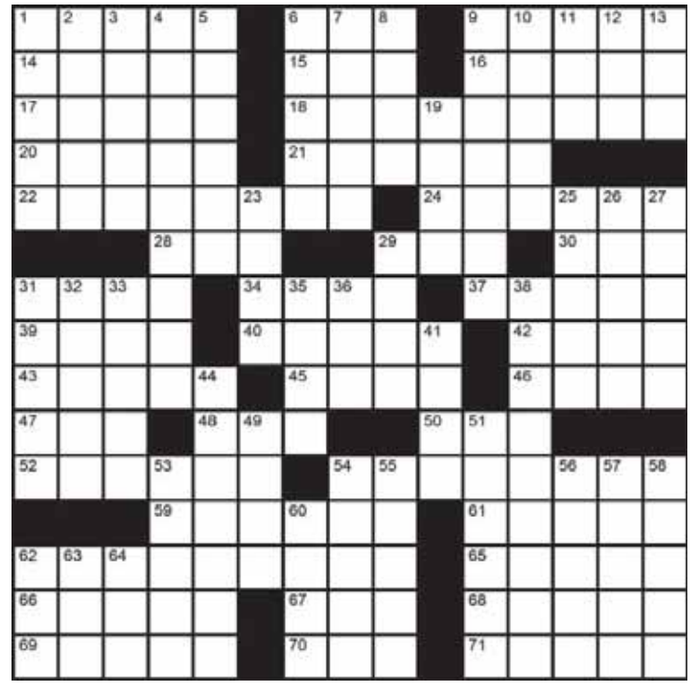
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. Grand bases-loaded homers
6. Actress Aishwarya
9. Particular polytheistic person
14. Black _ spider
15. 'Soon' suffix
16. Variant-spelled organism
17. "Put _ _ _ Love Song" by Alicia Keys feat. Beyonce
18. Fraudster
20. Process
21. Clifftop retreats
22. Ingredients in #9-Down; or, Supreme god jumps?: 2 wds.
24. Machine shop ring
28. Till bill
29. "My Gal _" (1942)
30. _ _ maison (French for 'at home')
31. Giraffe's neck feature
34. Social etiquette skill
37. Super _ (French-language airer owned by Bell Media)
39. Celebrity hairstylist Jose
40. Poppy product
42. Extended
43. Canadian brand of vegan cheese
45. Where Napoleon was exiled
46. Antiquities
47. PEI part, puny-ly
48. Film critic Mr. Reed
50. Kanga's kid
52. _-inspired, as East Coast music
54. 6/49 loots
59. Reverberations
61. Tidal bore
62. Perilous potential-for-perishing place
65. _ acetate (Type of solvent)
66. Extreme
67. Mariner's dir.
68. Set up
69. Crow
70. Butterfly logo co.
71. Big surname in designer chairs

DOWN
1. Zurich's country [abbr.]
2. Carton capacity
3. "Farewell!"
4. Where #38-Down is on until June 27, 2015, in the St. Norbert area of Winnipeg: Trappist _ Provincial Heritage Park
5. Snugly wrap
6. Summary
7. Eruption remnants
8. _-TASS (Russian news agency)
9. India _ _ (Drink by founded-in-Halifax brewery Alexander Keith's)
10. Accumulate
11. Capture
12. U.S. lawyers' org.
13. Bert Bobbsey's twin
19. Latvia's capital
23. Preposition
25. Mr. Wojtyla aka Pope John Paul II
26. Antelope variety
27. Tart flavours
29. Used ticket leftover
31. Military doc
32. Denigrate
33. Sam of movies
35. Peak
36. Canadian brand of p-a-i-n-t
38. Antony + _ (The setting is the Plains of pre-Confederation Manitoba in this spin on the classic performed by Shakespeare in the Ruins)
41. Musician Mr. Jordan
44. Nova Scotia village on Isle Madame
49. Authentic
51. Irish-born Canadian brewer, Eugene _ (b.1827 - d.1913)
53. Big name in food packaging, _ Pak
54. Casual pants
55. Colorado resort
56. Old Irish script
57. Type of reply to a dare: 2 wds.
58. Tennis great Monica
60. Utah city
62. Made a hole in the ground
63. Annex
64. From _ _ Z

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Your mind is so active that good ideas are flowing thick and fast. Wherever you are and whatever you may be doing, keep a pen and paper close by. Put your thoughts into words the moment they come to you.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You have no choice but to admit that you have wasted a lot of money for no good reason. But don't be too hard on yourself because in a matter of days you will be having the kind of fun that money can't buy.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Because the sun leaves your birth sign this weekend it is unlikely you'll be able to finish a number of things started in haste. It's still possible to complete one important task though. You know what it is, so get on with it.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Recent events have had a negative effect on your self-belief but you'll make up for it when the sun moves into your sign this weekend. Today you are advised to wind down and not take yourself too seriously.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
There is no point trying to get along with someone who obviously does not want to get along with you. The more you try to please them the more distant and unfriendly they will become. Go your own way.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Others may say you have been lucky, that you don't really deserve it, but the truth is you have worked long and hard to make an impression. Luck is what you make of it and you are entitled to enjoy your good fortune.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You will be faced with a rather stiff test today but you have what it takes to come out on top. You can handle anything life throws at you. No matter how tough the test you will sail through with flying colors.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
If you have to decide on making a commitment you must make up your mind soon. Others are beginning to lose patience with your half-hearted attitude and won't hesitate to go elsewhere in search of a partner.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Relationship problems have caused some concern in recent weeks but you managed to keep a sense of perspective and did not allow minor differences to become major disputes. That's good. The benefits will come.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You need to put your affairs in order, because in a matter of days you will be too busy with other people's problems to worry much about your own. Routine matters must be dealt with now, not later.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
How much can you accomplish in a single day? If you are a typical Aquarian you can do more in 24 hours than most people and that's good because it will be non-stop today.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
A few days from now you will be in a position to do what you please, but before then there is something you must do to please a loved one. On the home front especially you should give without thought of what you might get in return.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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